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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been practicing law for 20 years and am writing to express my support for the DOJ settlement with Microsoft Corporation. I do not represent any party to this matter.

As I read the Court of Appeals decision, the tying case has effectively been thrown out. As a consequence, the DOJ deserves in my view plaudits for obtaining better terms than it could possibly have obtained upon retrial. The State Attorney Generals who have opposed this settlement are purely political opportunists with no knowledge of the law, and the competitors of Microsoft are ignoring the fact that their tying case is gone.

Sincerely yours,

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